

TAIL OF COMET

Earth Is Being Enveloped at This Time.

Observations Early This Morning Interesting.

FEAR IN SOME CITIES.

Foreign Districts at Chicago Scene of Excitement.

Greatest Brilliance May Be Expected Friday Night.

Chicago, May 18.—A splendid view of the tail of the comet was enjoyed here from 1 to 2:30 o'clock this morning.

"The comet's head was not above the horizon until just before the sun rose, but the tail presented an exceedingly bright picture," declared Prof. E. E. Barnard of the Yerkes observatory.

The width of the tail was from five to six degrees while its length was 100 degrees. It was brighter than any portion of the Milky way. It was slightly convex at the north and slightly concave at the south. The edges were well defined and throughout there were no condensations or other irregularities.

Although the tail looked longer owing to the fact that it is nearer, it is much shorter than it was last Sunday—less than 20 million miles, but probably more than 10 million. The edges were well defined and throughout there were no condensations or other irregularities.

There is now a curve that I believe has not been seen before. It is out of our plane of vision and therefore we can not tell much about it. It is not great enough to swing the tail away from us.

Prof. D. I. McHugh described the tail as shaped like a megaphone made of gas with a void in the center. "We will pass first through one wall," said he, "then through the void and then through the other wall. While this is happening, I look for a faint light in the sky."

To View It From a Balloon. St. Louis, Mo., May 18.—The most I expect in the way of positive results from my balloon trip tonight," said Prof. G. O. James of Washington university, "is a faint auroral display in the sky or a hazy illumination spread over the heavens."

Prof. James will be the guest of the Aero club of St. Louis on the occasion and will pilot the balloon. The equipment in the balloon will consist of a gasometer, a thermometer and the fender of a telescope. Enough ballast for remaining up all night if necessary will be carried, but it is planned to make a landing about midnight.

AFRAID OF THE COMET.

Many Chicago Households Praying for Protection.

Chicago, May 18.—In districts of Chicago populated by foreigners, school children for the hundredth time today asked permission of their teachers to remain at home today for fear of some untoward happening for which Halley's comet may be responsible. Physicians were appealed to by their patients for specific to ward off the dangerous gas which they suppose will envelop the earth when it passes through the clouds of the comet.

Private and ministers were besought by their parishioners for words of comfort to help them through the ordeal which they believe they are about to pass.

Among the colored population of Chicago the coming of the comet is received with much superstitious dread. Many have had in the prophesy of astrologers, and whole households are given over to prayer for protection. In many neighborhoods work has practically ceased while men, women and children await the passing of tonight with fear.

Unusual preparations for the taking of observations were made at the Yerkes observatory at Williams Bay, Wis.

Today the observatory presented the appearance of the upper deck of a battleship decked at an aerial feet. More than 50 lenses will be directed at the sky.

Photographic plates are stacked up like ammunition for the naval armament. Coats and blankets are placed by the larger instruments for the observers to snatch a few moments sleep when possible.

Prof. Edwin B. Frost, of the Yerkes observatory, who has been keeping watch on the comet up to the last minute, said last night in an address before the Press club that only the weather held any apprehension over the coming of the comet.

FEAR A TIDAL WAVE.

Residents of Minnesota Point Abandon Their Homes.

Duluth, Minn., May 18.—A temporary general exodus took place today from Minnesota Point, a long and narrow strip of land, containing the home of several thousand people located between the finger of Lake Superior and St. Louis bay, resulting between Duluth and Superior, Wis.

Residents of the point district have read with misgivings the reports of the approach of Halley's comet. The more timid declare that the point, situated at the apex of Lake Superior, and not more than a dozen feet above sea level, would easily be submerged should the comet draw a tidal wave up the lake and sweep on into St. Louis bay.

WILL BE GREAT SIGHT.

Prof. Harold Jacoby Says Friday Night Comet Will Look Brilliant.

New York, May 18.—Prof. Harold Jacoby of Columbia university will not remain near his telescope during the period of contact between the earth and the comet's tail tonight. He is convinced that the comet will be a phenomena worth observing will be noted.

"These comet parties that are being organized to sit out the comet's passage will be a lonesome job," he said in an interview given out today. "I feel that the comet is capable of producing only one definite result of importance through its close proximity to New York city—it may possibly stir enough interest in astronomy to cause the erection near New York of a radio telescope, a thing of which the city's educational institutions have been long in need."

The next we shall see of the comet will be such a sight as will really set the people on edge who view it. Tonight we shall not be able to see the comet because it will set with the sun. The same will be true on Thursday. But there will be a great sight in the western sky on Friday night. That is the real night for comet parties. When the comet appears just after sunset, it will be much more brilliant than it was last week in the morning sky. Look for it right over the spot where the sun goes down."

UP FROM GRAVE.

David Grumbel, a Supposed Suicide, Returns to Topeka.

Was Reported to Find That He Was Reported Dead.

HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED

Former Employer Positive Grumbel Was Suicide.

Parents Back East Still Believe They Have Dead Son.

How would you like to leave Topeka for a few months and on returning after a trip to the far south have all of your acquaintances stop wild eyed when they met you on the street and put this question to you:

"Why I thought you were dead?"

This is exactly what is happening to David Grumbel who left Topeka last November for a trip in the southwest and returned to the city today. Grumbel is the young fellow who was supposed to have been the man who committed suicide in North Topeka, November 4, 1909. In fact his friends and the different employers positively identified him as the suicide and he was buried with that name registered against him.

But Grumbel doesn't believe it. He came walking in the State Journal office this afternoon and after a short argument he convinced a reporter that he was the only and real David Grumbel and that he was not the man who was found hanging by a slender cord in an out house behind the empty house at 723 North Monroe street—in fact that he is still alive, very much alive.

To prove it all Grumbel walked around the room, made faces, talked, laughed and acted in every way like a human being. The reporter touched his hand and it was warm and solid. So it isn't the ghost of David Grumbel—it is the young man himself.

Grumbel said he didn't have any grudge against the State Journal. The reporter who wrote the story about his tragic death, but all he wished to do was to have that reporter bring him back to earth again and convince his friends that he was still human and was not walking the streets of Topeka in trail of the comet.

The suicide of an unknown man occurred November 4, behind the boys playing in the neighborhood opened the door to a small outbuilding and found the dead body. The suicide was rather heavyset, had brown hair, black eyes and was about 25 years old. He wore a dark grey suit and blue vest and a white shirt and tie. The suit bore the mark of a Topeka clothing firm.

A few days after the discovery of the dead man in North Topeka a farmer named S. C. Landis, living just this side of Silver Lake, came to Topeka and, going to the undertaking room, he positively identified the body as David Grumbel. This settled it and with this name the man was carried to the potter's field.

"I am going to drop out and see Landis when I have time," said Grumbel today. "It was really his fault that I endured such a terrible death and I am going out to ask that he release me from the work I worked for Landis for quite awhile before I came to Topeka."

There is a pretty little human nature behind the alleged suicide of David Grumbel and the result may be the reunion of two sad parents and their son, who was given up for dead.

Left Home Years Ago.

It seems that David Grumbel left home a good many years ago. His father, Moses Grumbel, and his mother lived in Lebanon, Pa., and every since the boy left home he has been roaming over the western country. The "Call of the West" brought him out to Kansas and away from the old folks at home.

For a long time there was no correspondence between the boy and his parents. Then when the suicide took place last fall the parents were notified by Topeka authorities. Fully believing that their son had ended his life and that he was lying in a grave in Topeka, the sad parents have mourned for seven long months, not knowing the truth.

David was not aware that he had been adjudged dead until he returned to Topeka. Knowing that he was alive and that they are not seeing ghosts, he is happy to know that their son was still alive, he has resolved to allow the State Journal to convey the news of the resurrection.

David Grumbel is frantically trying to convince his Topeka friends and acquaintances that he is alive and that they are not seeing ghosts. He does not know who his namesake could have been.

"I have a cousin who looks just like me, but I took a look at the picture in the morning room and I know that it is not my cousin," he said.

As a parting warning to the reporter, Grumbel said: "Please don't accuse me of committing suicide again. 'I am here in Topeka to stay now—and you know that Topeka is too good a town to live in without voluntarily ending your life. I prefer to stay about ground for awhile.'"

P. M. HAS RESIGNED.

Mrs. Bevans Is Married and Wants Some One to Take Her Job.

Branchville, N. J., May 18.—If any one wants to be postmaster of this town, he can have the place. Mrs. Clinton Bevans holds the office now against her will. She married soon after she was appointed postmaster and resigned. But the government has been unable to find a successor and she has been forced to continue in office for more than a year.

Shot Because They Ran. Chicago, May 18.—Three coal miners who had just arrived in Chicago from the village of Diverson, Ill., mistook four detectives for robbers early today and fled. The officers gave chase and each fired a shot, killing one of the men instantly and severely wounding another. The third miner, a brother of the man slain, was arrested.

Weather Is Warm.

Nice warm weather, but still a little below normal is the result of today's activities on the part of the weather maker. Threatening weather is expected with higher temperatures to-night but no rain is expected before tomorrow night. It is coming here, it is falling in Colorado and the south-west generally and also east of the Mississippi river. Following are the barometer readings today:

7 o'clock.....54 11 o'clock.....71
8 o'clock.....55 12 o'clock.....72
9 o'clock.....55 1 o'clock.....72
10 o'clock.....55 2 o'clock.....72

Wind, 12 miles an hour from the south.

FIRST IN HISTORY.

Extraordinary Ceremony to Occur in Catholic Theological Seminary.

St. Paul, Minn., May 18.—An extraordinary ceremony will occur tomorrow morning in the chapel attached to the Catholic Theological seminary, when six priests of the ecclesiastical province of St. Paul will be consecrated bishops at the same altar. It will be the first instance in the history of the church in this country where a group of priests have been raised to the episcopal dignity before the same altar; and the similar occurrence of record with a quarter of a century was when Pius X consecrated several French bishops in St. Peter's, directly after the separation of church and state.

One of the six, Father John J. Lawler, will be auxiliary bishop of St. Paul. The other nominees are the retired abbot, Right Rev. Vincent Wehrle, who became bishop of Bismarck, N. D.; Rev. Patrick Richard Heffron, named for the see of Winona; Rev. Timothy Corbett, named for Crookston, Minn.; Rev. Joseph Busch, who is bishop of Leavenworth, Kan.; and James O. Reilly, named for the diocese of Fargo, N. D.

CHEAPER MEAT.

Reduction of One-Half Cent Made in Dressed Beef Cuts.

Chicago, May 18.—A reduction of one-half cent a pound was made in the price of the better grades of dressed beef cuts yesterday, while cheaper grades remained the same. Packers said that since the public has awakened to the fact that beef plates, chucks, and rounds are as nutritious as beef loins and ribs, even though their cost is much heavier, the demand for the cheap cuts has doubled. Consequently, they say, they are compelled to reduce the cost of ribs and loins in order to equalize the demand for the inexpensive parts.

This latest reduction brings No. 1 ribs to 14 1/2 and No. 1 loins to 18 cents a pound, compared with 17 1/2 and 22 cents in January.

MONUMENT TO A COW.

She Swallowed a Corset Stay and Will Have Tombstone.

Newark, N. J., May 18.—An elaborate tombstone with an epitaph in verse marks the grave at German Valley, N. J., of Dora H., a prize winning Holstein cow, valued at \$1,200, which died suddenly a few days ago. A veterinary autopsy revealed that the cow had swallowed in its fodder a ten inch corset stay which had pierced its heart. The farmer who imposed the epitaph, which is as follows:

"This faithful cow we loved so much—
Has gone and passed away;
A corset stay she swallowed in her life—
It was not hers to stay."

HE COMMANDS PEACE.

Uncle Sam Will Permit No Fighting at Bluefields.

Washington, May 18.—Commander Glimmer of the United States gunboat Paducah has served notice on General Iria who is in command of the Venus that he will not permit a bombardment of the city of Bluefields, Nicaragua. He has also notified General Estrada and President Milla that he will not permit any armed conflict within the city.

These notices were sent after General Iria gave notice of his intention to bombard the city should General Estrada not surrender in the "mean time."

HE SIGNS TWO MORE.

President Puts Signature to National Forest Proclamations.

Washington, May 18.—The president has signed two more proclamations in pursuance to the agreement recently reached by the departments of agriculture and the interior as to the lands which should be included in the boundaries of the national forests.

The Lincoln national forest of New Mexico by one proclamation has been stripped of 63,245 acres, while 29,738 acres have been added to the reservation.

The other proclamation eliminated from the Pocatello national forest in Idaho 23,236 acres.

These makes 418,888 acres eliminated and 139,092 acres added under the agreement of the two departments up to date.

HAGERMAN TAKES WIFE.

Former Topeka Pitcher Is Now a Benedict.

Chicago, May 18.—A marriage license was issued here yesterday to Zerah Z. Hagerman and Miss Maude McQuade. Hagerman is the pitcher who was released by the Cubs to Louisville this spring and recently was sold to the Lincoln Western league club.

Hagerman's home was in Oakland for many years and he began his career as a ball player as a pitcher for Cooper.

SEVEN BOILERS BLOW UP.

More Than a Score of Workmen Killed and Fifty Injured.

Canton, O., May 18.—With a roar that was heard three miles away, a battery of seven boilers at the plant of the American Sheet & Tin Plate company exploded, killing from 20 to 30 men and injuring about 50. Among the injured are a half dozen who can not recover.

The explosion's force was terrific. The big plant is a total loss. A mere eggshell of the building is left. The explosion was so difficult to contain that many of them were mutilated. Heads were blown from several bodies, arms and legs were torn from their joints. Fragments of bodies were blown blocks from the scene and bits of human flesh have been picked up on porches and roofs of houses and in trees.

There were one hundred men at work in the plant at the time of the accident. Not more than a dozen or so escaped some injury. These and others who rushed to the plant as soon as the disaster was known worked heroically to rescue the injured from the ruins which soon took the place of the plant.

The body of one man, unknown, was blown through a house 700 feet from the plant. The body entered the house from the back and continued in a straight line through a bedroom and out the west side. The torso of another man was found in a garden 500 feet away.

The plant had five mills. All the employees working at mills 1, 2, 3 and 4 were either killed or injured, while those in mill No. 5, farthest away from the boilers, escaped serious injury.

FOR AN INDEPENDENT JUDICIARY.

Nashville, Tenn., May 18.—Pursuant to a call signed by over 10,000 Democrats, representing every county in Tennessee, fully five thousand delegates assembled in convention here today to endorse the action of those candidates for judges of the supreme court and court of civil appeals who have taken a stand for what they call an independent judiciary in Tennessee.

The convention is the outgrowth of the recent action of the state Democratic executive committee in adopting a so-called blanket primary plan, against which many Democrats of the state revolted.

REGULARS IN OHIO

Effort to Defeat Republican Nominees on Tariff Issue Fails.

Old Congressmen With One Exception Renominated.

LONGWORTH IS NAMED

Roosevelt's Son-in-Law in List of Successful Candidates.

Democrats and Republicans Joined in the Primary.

Cleveland, O., May 18.—Forty-two candidates were nominated in Ohio yesterday for the 11 seats apportioned to the state in the lower house of congress. Under the state election laws, Democrats and Republicans joined in the primaries.

Ralph D. Cole (Rep.), of the Eighth district was the only present congressman defeated for a renomination. Frank B. Willis takes his place on the ticket.

The campaigns made against Representatives Taylor of Columbus, Kennedy of Youngstown, Thomas of the Eleventh district, Keiser of Springfield, on the score of their tariff attitude, failed signally.

Following are the Republican and Democratic nominees:

First district—Representative Nicholas Longworth, Republican; Dr. Thomas P. Hart, Democrat.

Second district—Representative Herman P. Goebel, Republican; Alfred G. Allen, Democrat.

Third district—George R. Young, Republican; Representative James M. Cox, Democrat.

Fourth district—C. E. Johnson, Republican; J. H. Goeke, Democrat.

Fifth district—R. D. Roe, Republican; Representative T. P. Ansberry, Democrat.

Sixth district—Jesse Taylor, Republican; Representative M. R. Denver, Democrat.

Seventh district—Warren R. Keifer, Republican; J. D. Post, Democrat.

Eighth district—Frank B. Willis, Republican; C. Mahon, Democrat.

Ninth district—Kent Hamilton, Republican; Representative Sherwood, Democrat.

Tenth district—Representative A. R. Johnson, Republican; Edmund Willis, Democrat.

Eleventh district—Representative Albert Douglas, Republican; H. C. Clay, Democrat.

Twelfth district—Representative E. L. Taylor, Jr., Republican; Frank S. Monnet, Democrat.

Thirteenth district—J. D. McLaughlin, Republican; Representative C. C. Anderson, Democrat.

Fourteenth district—J. G. Chamberlain, Republican; Representative W. G. Satter, Democrat.

Fifteenth district—Representative James Joyce, Republican; George White, Democrat.

Sixteenth district—Representative A. Hollingsworth, Republican; W. B. Francis, Democrat.

Seventeenth district—A. B. Critchfield, Republican; Representative W. A. Ashbrook, Democrat.

Eighteenth district—Representative James Kennedy, Republican; J. J. Whitetree, Democrat.

Nineteenth district—Representative W. A. Thomas, Republican; E. R. Batherick, Democrat.

Twentieth district—Representative Paul Henshaw, Republican; William Gordon, Democrat.

Twenty-first district—Representative J. H. Cassidy, Republican; R. J. Bulkley, Democrat.

SEEING MANY FRIENDS.

But Colonel Roosevelt Is Not Accepting Dinner Invitations.

London, May 18.—Mr. Roosevelt is seeing many personal friends at Dorchester house, the home of Ambassador Reiss, but is going out very little and is accepting no dinner invitations. On Friday he will be present at the funeral of King Edward in his capacity as a special ambassador of the United States.

The appointment of Henry White, former American ambassador to France, as the diplomatic delegate from the United States to the royal obsequies is regarded at court as a thoughtful act by President Taft, because Mr. White had long known King Edward. Mr. White was appointed second secretary of the American legation in London in 1884 and was promoted to secretary two years later. Subsequently he was recalled by President Cleveland but returned as secretary of the embassy in 1887, continuing in that office until 1905, when he was appointed ambassador to Italy.

Roosevelt began the day with a long talk with his old friend Seth Bullock, deputy United States marshal in South Dakota. Mr. Bullock had been called to the Secretary Phillips of the American embassy.

During the forenoon Mr. Roosevelt received in audience by King Edward's widow, who was received at the same time by his majesty.

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MILITARY SCANDAL.

Colonel Ames Imprisoned to Await Court Martial.

Manila, May 18.—Upon instructions from Washington, Lieutenant Colonel Robert Ames was today confined to quarters and will be court-martialed on charges of conduct unbecoming an officer and to prejudice of military discipline.

The action is a sequel to the investigation of the circumstances which led Clarence M. Janney of the Twelfth Infantry, U. S. A., to take his life following a dinner party at the home of Ames at Ft. William McKinley. The suicide's wife remains at the fort and probably will be the chief witness at the court martial.

A Filipino coroner and an army board of inquiry found that Janney committed suicide and so reported to the adjutant general. At 10 o'clock a new queue was formed and midnight found the waiting throng swollen by many thousands. These kept a night-long vigil with a purpose of paying tribute to the dead monarch. The queue was not abandoned despite a heavy fall of rain that made them most uncomfortable. The queue extended for a mile or more and was made up of men, women and children of many classes.

It was a strangely cosmopolitan crowd. Every land and every color was represented. The laborer in corduroys touched elbows with the frock coated west ender.

In today's files women appeared to predominate. By noon the total of those who had paid their respects had passed the hundred thousand mark. The arrival of a score of royal personages with their entourages on the west end of the scene of unusual animation.

Buckingham palace, where most of the members of royalty are staying, Marlborough house, still the residence of King George and Queen Mary, and other royal homes opened their doors again and again throughout the day to calls of courtesy were exchanged. Mr. Roosevelt was among the callers at Marlborough house.

Following the shooting Ames was placed under arrest, but a preliminary investigation of the special board of inquiry having cleared him, he was released.

The only witnesses of the tragedy were Col. Ames and Mrs. Janney. Mr. Janney testified that her husband and Ames had been good friends.

The Janneys were married in New York in 1905. Mrs. Janney was a prominent family of San Francisco. She first married Dr. Pedar Brugshire, whom she divorced on grounds of failure to support her. When she married Janney he was stationed at Governor's Island. He went with the Twelfth regiment to the Philippines in July, 1909.

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